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FOR DEPUTY ASST SECRETARY NAEHER FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ACOM GH

SUBJ: WATTS BASE

REF: STATE 022258

1. I AM RESPONDING TO YOUR OC CHANNEL MESSAGE TO CALLIHAM (REFTEL) AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU FOR DISCUSSION DURING MY CONSULTATION IN WASHINGTON MARCH 1-3.

2. AT THIS POINT REQUEST FOR ESTABLISHMENT WATTS BASE IN GHAN HAS NOT BEEN RESUBMITTED. WE DO HAVE, HOWEVER, INDICATION FROM KEY MEMBER OF GOG THAT GOVERNMENT IS WILLING TO CONSIDER ISSUE AGAIN IN TWO TO THREE WEEKS TIME. WE ARE LOOKING CLOSELY AT MECHANICS OF RESUBMISSION AND HOPE TO HAVE CLEAR ANSWER IN SHORT TIME.

3. DELAY HAS SIMPLY BEEN UNAVAILABILITY OF KEY INDIVIDUAL FOR PAST SEVERAL WEEKS AS GOG INVOLVED HEAVILY IN SERIES OF POST-HOLIDAY EVENTS

(E.G., VISIT OF IRANIAN PRINCESS, TRADE FAIR). TO ENSURE THERE IS NO DELAY WHEN RESUBMISSION POSSIBLE CALLIHAN HAS DECIDED TO DELAY ALL NON-EMERGENCY TRAVEL SO THAT HE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS IF NEEDED.

4. WE ARE FULLY MINDFUL OF NEED FOR EARLY DECISION AND YOUR DESIRE TO BE KEPT POSTED. CALLIHAN WILL BEGIN SENDING WEEKLY REPORTS IN OC CHANNEL OF RELATED ACTIVITY.

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5. THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH CALLIHAN AND APPROPRIATE
MEMBERS OF COUNTRY TEAM.
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